

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION**

DEANGELO THOMAS,)
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Plaintiff,)
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v.) No. 1:07-CV-114 CAS
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ALFORD NORTHERN, et al.,)
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Defendants.)

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

This matter is before the Court upon the motion of DeAngelo Thomas for appointment of counsel. The motion shall be denied.

“A pro se litigant has no statutory or constitutional right to have counsel appointed in a civil case.” Stevens v. Redwing, 146 F.3d 538, 546 (8th Cir. 1998). In determining whether to appoint counsel, the Court is to consider several factors, including (1) whether the plaintiff has presented non-frivolous allegations supporting his or her prayer for relief; (2) whether the plaintiff will substantially benefit from the appointment of counsel; (3) whether there is a need to further investigate and present the facts related to the plaintiff’s allegations; and (4) whether the factual and legal issues presented by the action are complex. See Johnson v. Williams, 788 F.2d 1319, 1322-23 (8th Cir. 1986); Nelson v. Redfield Lithograph Printing, 728 F.2d 1003, 1005 (8th Cir. 1984).

After considering these factors, the Court finds that the facts and legal issues involved in this case are not so complicated that the appointment of counsel is warranted at this time. Consequently, the motion shall be denied without prejudice.

Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that plaintiff's motion for appointment of counsel is **DENIED** without prejudice. [Doc. 12]



CHARLES A. SHAW
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Dated this 20th day of November, 2007.